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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools—National ProgramsGrant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent
Behavior Among College Students—Notice Inviting
Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM: The Grant Competition to Prevent HighRisk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students
provides awards to develop or enhance, implement, and
evaluate campus—and/or community-based strategies to
prevent high-risk drinking and violent behavior among
college students.

For FY 2003 the competition for new awards focuses on projects designed to meet the priorities we describe in the PRIORITIES section of this application notice.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Institutions of higher education (IHEs), consortia thereof, public and private nonprofit organizations, or individuals.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

DEADLINE FOR TRANSMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS: March 17, 2003.

DEADLINE FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW: May 17, 2003.

ESTIMATED AVAILABLE FUNDS: The Administration has requested \$2,250,000 for this program for FY 2003. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on final congressional action. However, we are inviting applications to allow enough time to complete the grant process before the end of the current fiscal year.

ESTIMATED RANGE OF AWARDS: \$100,000 - \$140,000.

ESTIMATED AVERAGE SIZE OF AWARDS: \$120,000

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS: 16.

<u>Note</u>: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

PROJECT PERIOD: Up to 24 months.

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS: (a) The Education Department

General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR Parts

74, 75, 77, 79, 80, 81, 82, 85, 86, 97, 98, and 99; and (b)

the notice of final priority and selection criteria, as

published in the Federal Register on December 27, 2000 (65)

FR 82224-82226) and January 10, 2001 (66 FR 1963), apply to this competition.

Note: The regulations in 34 CFR Part 86 apply to institutions of higher education only.

PRIORITIES: This competition focuses on projects designed to meet a priority in the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the Federal Register on December

27, 2000 (65 FR 82224-82226) and January 10, 2001 (66 FR 1963).

Absolute Priority #1 - Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus- and/or Community-Based Strategies to Prevent High-Risk Drinking Among College Students

Absolute Priority #2 - Develop or Enhance, Implement, and Evaluate Campus- and/or Community-Based Strategies to Prevent Violent Behavior Among College Students

Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet either of the priorities.

SELECTION CRITERIA: The following selection criteria are used to evaluate applications for new grants under this competition. The maximum score for all of these criteria is 100 points. The maximum score for each criterion or factor under that criterion is indicated in parentheses.

(1) Need for project. (15 points)

In determining the need for the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

- (a) The magnitude or severity of the problem to be addressed by the proposed project. (10 points)
- (b) The extent to which specific gaps or weaknesses in services, infrastructure, or opportunities have been identified and will be addressed by the proposed project,

including the nature and magnitude of those gaps or weaknesses. (5 points)

(2) Significance. (20 points)

In determining the significance of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

- (a) The likelihood that the proposed project will result in system change or improvement. (5 points)
- (b) The potential contribution of the proposed project to the development and advancement of theory, knowledge, and practices in the field of study. (10 points)
- (c) The extent to which the proposed project involves the development or demonstration of promising new strategies that build on, or are alternatives to, existing strategies. (5 points)

(3) Quality of the project design. (30 Points)

In determining the quality of the design of the proposed project, the following factors are considered:

- (a) The extent to which the goals, objectives, and outcomes to be achieved by the proposed project are clearly specified and measurable. (10 points)
- (b) The extent to which the design of the proposed project is appropriate to, and will successfully address, the needs of the target population or other identified needs. (5 points)

- (c) The extent to which the design of the proposed project reflects up-to-date knowledge from research and effective practice. (10 points)
- (d) The extent to which the proposed project will establish linkages with other appropriate agencies and organizations providing services to the target population. (5 points)

(4) Quality of project personnel. (10 points)

In determining the quality of project personnel, the following factors are considered:

- (a) The extent to which the applicant encourages applications for employment from persons who are members of groups that have traditionally been underrepresented based on race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability. (3 points)
- (b) The qualifications, including relevant training and experience, of key project personnel. (7 points)

(5) Quality of the project evaluation. (25 points)

In determining the quality of the evaluation, the following factors are considered:

(a) The extent to which the methods of evaluation are thorough, feasible, and appropriate to the goals, objectives, and outcomes of the proposed project. (10 points)

- (b) The extent to which the methods of evaluation include the use of objective performance measures that are clearly related to the intended outcomes of the project and will produce quantitative and qualitative data to the extent possible. (10 points)
- (c) The extent to which the methods of evaluation will provide performance feedback and permit periodic assessment of progress toward achieving intended outcomes. (5 points)

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 PROPOSALS: An application that responds to the selection criteria for this grant competition by duplicating 25

 percent or more of the information in another application will be deemed ineligible to receive a grant award.

 FOR APPLICATIONS AND FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Lucey, Jr., U.S. Department of Education, Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 3E252, Washington, DC 20202-6123. Telephone: 202/205-5471. Fax: 202/260-7767. E-mail: richard.lucey@ed.gov.

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Pilot Project for Electronic Submission of Applications

In Fiscal Year 2003, the U.S. Department of Education is continuing to expand its pilot project for electronic submission of applications to include additional formula grant programs and additional discretionary grant competitions. The Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students is one the programs included in the pilot project. If you are an applicant under the Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students, you may submit your application to us in either electronic or paper format.

The pilot project involves the use of the Electronic Grant Application System (e-Application) portion of the Grants Administration and Payment System (GAPS). Users of e-Application will be entering data on-line while completing their applications. You may not e-mail a soft copy of a grant application to us. If you participate in this voluntary pilot project by submitting an application electronically, the data you enter on-line will be saved into a database. We request your participation in e-Application. We shall continue to evaluate its success and solicit suggestions for improvement.

If you participate in e-Application, please note the following:

- Your participation is voluntary.
- You will not receive any additional point value because you submit a grant application in electronic format, nor will we penalize you if you submit an application in paper format. When you enter the e-Application system, you will find information about its hours of operation.
- You may submit all documents electronically, including the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424), Budget Information—Non-Construction Programs (ED 524), and all necessary assurances and certifications.
- After you electronically submit your application, you will receive an automatic acknowledgement, which will include a PR/Award Number (an identifying number unique to your application).
- Within three working days after submitting your electronic application, fax a signed copy of the Application for Federal Education Assistance (ED 424) to the Application Control Center after following these steps:
 - 1) Print ED 424 from the e-Application system.

- 2) The institution's Authorizing Representative must sign this form.
- 3) Place the PR/Award number in the upper right hand corner of the hard copy signature page of the ED 424.
- 4) Fax the signed ED 424 to the Application Control Center at 202/260-1349.
- We may request that you give us original signatures on all other forms at a later date.
- Closing Date Extension in Case of System

 Unavailability: If you elect to participate in the eApplication pilot for the Grant Competition to Prevent

 High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College

 Students and you are prevented from submitting your

 application on the closing date because the e
 Application system is unavailable, we will grant you

 an extension of one business day in order to transmit

 your application electronically, by mail, or by hand

 delivery. For us to grant this extension—
 - 1) You must be a registered user of e-Application, and have initiated an e-Application for this competition; and

2) (a) The e-Application system must be unavailable for 60 minutes or more between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm (ET), on the deadline date; or (b) The e-Application system must be unavailable for any period of time during the last hour of operation (that is, for any period of time between 3:30pm and 4:30pm (ET)) on the deadline date. The Department must acknowledge and confirm these periods of unavailability before granting you an extension. To request this extension you must contact either (1) the person listed elsewhere in this notice under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT or (2) the e-GRANTS help desk at 888/336-8930.

You may access the electronic grant application for the Grant Competition to Prevent High-Risk Drinking and Violent Behavior Among College Students at:

http://e-grants.ed.gov

We have included additional information about the e-Application pilot project (see Parity Guidelines between Paper and Electronic Applications) in the application package.

PROGRAM AUTHORITY: 20 U.S.C. 7131.

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Deputy Under Secretary for the

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